

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST SHORES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN AND PROJECT DESIGN

Whereas, the Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and has led the studies and planning efforts in participation with Federal and State Agencies, Universities and other research groups resulting in the Salton Sea Authority Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan, and,

Whereas, the five member agencies that comprise the Salton Sea Authority are the counties of Riverside, and Imperial; the Imperial Irrigation District; the Coachella Valley Water District, and the Torres Martinez Tribe of Desert Cahuilla Indians, and,

Whereas, the Salton Sea is California's largest inland water body with beneficial uses including fisheries and wildlife habitat, recreation, and preservation of endangered species, and,

Whereas, the Salton Sea ecosystem is a critical link on the international Pacific flyway and has supported over 400 species of birds and a productive fishery, and,

Whereas, the Sea is threatened by increasing salinity and water loss, and a major reduction of inflows greatly accelerates salinity and the threat of particulate matter contributions from exposed lake-bed which may jeopardize the quality of life in the Imperial Valley, Coachella Valley, and tribal lands and lead to significant economic interruptions and health impacts, and,

Whereas, under its Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration program, the California Resources Agency has been tasked by legislation to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (pEIR) that addresses habitat restoration, elimination of air quality impacts and the protection of water quality, and,

Whereas, the Salton Sea Authority is taking concrete steps in finalizing a conceptual plan leading to subsequent detailed planning of a restoration and revitalization project, that to the extent feasible, maximizes ecosystem restoration, economic development and recreational opportunities and respects tribal culture and heritage values, and,

Whereas, the Salton Sea Authority Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan will foster ecosystem restoration, regional economic development and recreational opportunities by creating a multi-purpose lakes system, and

Whereas, prior to the formal adoption or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any plan to undergo thorough environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The West Shores Chamber of Commerce hereby approves the conceptual plan entitled "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the Authority's preferred conceptual plan for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization and urges all member agencies to adopt the plan as their agencies' preferred conceptual plan.

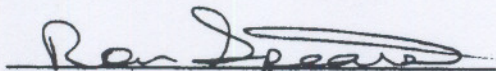
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The West Shores Chamber of Commerce urges the State of California to select the Salton Sea Authority's conceptual plan as the preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The West Shores Chamber of Commerce urges the United States Bureau of Reclamation to include the conceptual plan as the preferred alternative in the Bureau's feasibility study of restoration alternatives.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Mary Bono, Congressman Bob Filner, and the rest of the Congressional Salton Sea Task Force and other appropriate members of Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, State Senator Denise Ducheny, State Senator Jim

Battin, Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, Assemblyman John Benoit, Salton Sea Coalition, California Resources Secretary, and the member agencies of the Salton Sea Authority.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the West Shores Chamber of Commerce during a regularly scheduled meeting on this 10th day of July, 2006.



Ron Spears, President
West Shores Chamber of Commerce

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